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**PRISON LIEUTENANT IS SENTENCED IN FEDERAL COURT
FOR VIOLATING CIVIL RIGHTS OF INMATE**

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced today that EDWARD A. MULRONEY, formerly a Lieutenant with the federal Bureau of Prisons ("BOP"), was sentenced before United States District Judge P. KEVIN CASTEL to 28 months' imprisonment for violating the civil rights of an inmate by using excessive force against the inmate.

According to the Indictment, MULRONEY was employed as a Lieutenant with the BOP assigned to the Metropolitan Correctional Center ("MCC") in Manhattan. The Indictment charges that, on or about August 22, 2003, MULRONEY beat an inmate who was a pre-trial detainee, while the inmate was handcuffed, lying chest-down on the ground, and under the physical control of two other correction officers. The inmate was subsequently identified as JULIO ARCINIEGAS. According to the Indictment, the inmate suffered multiple fractures to his left eye socket and left cheekbone as a result of MULRONEY's use of force. MULRONEY pled guilty to the Indictment on May 2, 2005.

At sentencing, Judge CASTEL stated that MULRONEY's conduct as a law enforcement officer was "an affront to civilized society."

The federal civil rights laws make it a crime to willfully deprive a pre-trial detainee of the right, secured and protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States, to be free from the use of excessive force amounting to punishment by someone acting under color of law.

MULRONEY, 54, lives in Staten Island.

Assistant United States Attorneys SERENE K. NAKANO and NEIL M. CORWIN are in charge of the prosecution.